

## BIG DROP IN INCOME OF PENNSYLVANIA CO.

Concern Managing Lines West of Pittsburgh Earns \$3,000,000 Less.

## DUE IN PART TO FLOODS

Net Receipts 10.99 Per Cent. on \$80,000,000 Stock, Instead of 15.88 in 1912.

The report of the Pennsylvania Company, the corporation which manages the lines leased and controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company west of Pittsburgh, for the year ended December 31, 1913, shows that the net income of the company for that period was \$9,793,101, as compared with \$12,702,639 for the year ended December 31, 1912. The net income for the last year was equal to 10.99 per cent. earned on the \$80,000,000 capital stock, against 15.88 per cent. earned on the same stock in 1912. Only \$36,298 was transferred to profit and loss, as compared with \$732,367 transferred to profit and loss in 1912.

Total earnings from rail operations for the year were \$6,855,377, an increase of \$2,849,523 over the year previous. Total rail operation expenses were \$50,465,713, however, an increase of \$5,828,302. This included \$1,518,327 expended in replacing and repairing tracks, bridges and other property destroyed by the floods in March, 1912.

The railway operating income of \$12,147,576 showed a loss of \$3,389,212, to which was added total other income of \$13,131,420, which represented a loss of \$794,332, making total gross income of \$25,228,996, a decrease of \$4,182,544. Deductions from gross income amounted to \$15,535,896, an increase of \$2,731,007, leaving a net income of \$9,793,101, a loss of \$2,909,537 from the year of 1912.

## Rea on Increase in Expenditures.

After the payment of dividends and other items the balance transferred to profit and loss amounted to \$323,367 transferred to profit and loss the year previous. The amount to credit of profit and loss on December 31, 1912, was \$8,007,450, to which was added the surplus for the past year of \$323,367, making a total of \$8,330,817. After the payment of sundry debts there remained an amount to credit of profit and loss on December 31, 1913, of \$7,744,713, against \$8,007,450 credited to profit and loss on December 31, 1912. In speaking of the considerable increase in the cost of operating during the year and effect of the March, 1912, floods upon the roads of the Pennsylvania Company, President Samuel Rea said:

"The total expenditures for operating and maintaining the properties and equipment were \$50,465,713.98, an increase of \$5,828,302.97, which was an abnormal increase and reflected not only the extraordinary expenses directly incurred in restoring the various portions of the property suddenly damaged by floods in March at a time a high volume of traffic was being handled, but the cost of subsequently handling the traffic under less efficient conditions for months and the effect of complying with awards of increased compensation to employees, the full crew, sanitary and semi-monthly pay laws and the orders of municipal and State officers or commissions."

## Repair Charges Higher.

"The charges for repairs and depreciation of locomotives and for repairs, renewals and depreciation of freight cars were considerably higher, and larger expenditures were incurred in the repair and renewal of shop machinery and tools."

"The railway tax accruals increased \$385,139.60, or over 14 per cent."

President Rea added that the amount expended in reconstructing during the year and charged to expenses, largely due to floods, was \$1,518,327.62, the heaviest expenditures being upon the Cleveland, Akron and Cincinnati Railway, the Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio River Railroad and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway.

## BONDHOLDERS ASK ACCOUNTING.

Bond Issue of a Defunct Southern Railroad Is Involved.

In a suit filed in the United States District Court yesterday a question is raised concerning the disposal of a tract of land in Louisiana granted by Congress to the Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad in 1872.

The plaintiff is George W. Chamberlain of New Jersey, who brings the action on behalf of himself and other bondholders of the railroad company, which is no longer in existence. Chamberlain, through his attorneys, Milliken, King & Osborn of 165 Broadway, asserts that after the company sold all its railroad rights it kept its name in order to hold the land, which, he says, was later disposed of at an enormous price. None of the money, says Chamberlain, was ever used to redeem the bond issue based on a first mortgage on the property.

In 1890 the trustees of the company brought suit in the Federal court at Louisiana to cancel the first mortgage, on which an issue of 7 per cent. bonds was based. The Union Trust Company and the other defendants named in the suit joined in no defense and the suit was accorded to the plaintiffs by default.

The plaintiff in the present action declares that this judgment is not legal and that the mortgage still stands. He asks that a full accounting be made of the profits realized from the sale of the land and that part of the money be applied to the redemption of the bond issue and the payment of the interest on the same.

The defendants named in the suit are the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company, the New Orleans, Pacific Railroad Company, the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company and the Union Trust Company.

The law firm of Calhoun & Henderson of Washington is associated with Milliken, King & Osborn in handling the case for the plaintiff.

## RAILROADS' NEED IS SHOWN.

New Haven Prepares Figures in Support of Proposed Rate Increase.

Officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company have gathered figures showing earnings for February and for the eight months ended February 28 last of fifteen Eastern railroads, including the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the New Haven, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the New York Central, the Erie and the Delaware and Hudson. These figures are looked upon as the strongest sort of an argument that the railroads be given their desired 5 per cent. increase in freight rates.

Total operating revenues in certain cases show increases, but the cost of operating, taxes and other expenses have been so great that with few exceptions no gain in net operating revenues is shown. This applies not only to the month of February but also for the eight months.

It is practically every case it is shown that net revenues have shown considerable decrease and that the net return upon the amount of capital invested has steadily decreased. In many instances the invested capital has increased.

## NEW PLAN FOR ROCK ISLAND.

Rumor of Assessment Scheme to Raise \$10,000,000 for Railroad.

It was rumored yesterday that the protective committee for the stockholders of the Rock Island Railroad had decided a scheme of assessment of \$10 a share as a part of the plan for the financing and reorganizing the property. This plan, it is said, would yield the road about \$12,000,000.

Interests connected with the Rock Island refused to comment on the reported assessment. It is believed that nothing further along the line of organization will be attempted until the bondholders' committee hears the report of its representative, E. W. McKenna, vice-president of the St. Paul, on Monday. Mr. McKenna was commissioned some time ago by the bondholders' committee to make an independent investigation of the property and its needs.

## NO FRISCO CERTIFICATES.

Sanborn Institutes He'll Halt Plan to Pay Interest.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25.—After a conference here to-day among the Frisco receivers, their counsel and the representatives of the security holders in regard to the payment of the interest on the general lien 5s out of the proceeds of receivers' certificates to be issued for that purpose, Sanborn instituted that in no case will the bondholders' committee or the other requirements of the receivership be authorized the issuance of certificates for the payment of this interest.

It was understood that arrangements have been made by Speyer & Co. for advancing to the general lien bondholders who have deposited their bonds under the Speyer bondholders' agreement the amount of their May coupons and that a formal public announcement of this will be made by Speyer & Co. prior to May 1.

## MITCHELL SPEAKS TO ALUMNÆ OF ELMIRA

Expresses Satisfaction With Appointment of Miss Davis.

Ida M. Tarbell Heard.

Mayor Mitchell gave the Elmira College alumnae yesterday the first glimpse of his new industrial education plan at their annual luncheon at the Plaza.

"We have always known that we could put up special buildings for industrial training," he said, "but that would have cost many thousands of dollars. But Dr. Schuchter has worked out a cooperative arrangement in the West by which pupils spend part of their day in school and part in industrial institutions and factories earning a trade. I am thinking of going West myself to study the matter and get first hand ideas. I hope within the next four years to see the establishment of a system by which our boys and girls may be equipped to earn a living with their hands as well as their brains."

"The appointment of Miss Katherine Remond Davis showed this administration's appreciation of women in public life. They are particularly suited to the new ideas of service and study. The Commissioner of Correction was selected not merely to take charge of the institutions but to study means of building up the character of the inmates and turning them out as useful citizens. I hope to see her plans carried out even if a boy does escape now and then."

Miss Ida Tarbell said that Elmira College represented the revolution of its new generation, she continued, and that one of the first four girls at a coeducational college. We introduced a new element into the college life and made it quite skilful."

Dean Harris of Elmira announced the formation of a new local college club to have both men and women as members.

## Canon Chase Gets Marriage License.

The Rev. Canon William Sheafe Chase, pastor of the Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, and Miss Fannie Louise Johnson, a school teacher, whose engagement was recently announced, called at the Borough Hall yesterday and obtained a marriage license.

## LAST DAY OF OPERA.

"Traviata" and "Tristan" Make Finish of Brilliant Season.

The season of the Metropolitan Opera House closed last night. In the afternoon a moderately large audience assembled to hear Verdi's old opera "La Traviata" in which Mme. Hempel as Violetta, Mr. Amato as Germont and Mr. Cristallini as Alfredo made their final bows. There was no feature in the performance calling for special description. Everything moved smoothly along the old familiar lines, and the opera was generally well sung under Mr. Polacco's sympathetic direction. The real feature of the afternoon was the real picture of the afternoon was the presentation to Mr. Amato of a wonderful full floral piece about ten feet high, a column, a harp, a lyre and some masks being mingled in an overwhelming mass of design.

In the evening the opera was "Tristan and Isolde." Mr. Toscanini, who conducted, was received with great enthusiasm by a large audience and was rewarded with a ovation of the applause. Mrs. Gaski was the representative of the Irish princess, but she had the misfortune not to be in her best vocal condition and did not, therefore, sing the music as well as she has done on previous occasions. Her impersonation, however, was marked by sincerity and sympathy.

Mme. Homer was the Brangäne, and as usual, was at her best in the waltz tower scene. Mr. Berger was heard once more as Tristan, a role in which the most pleasing qualities of his voice are disclosed. His embodiment of the knight is one which commands respect without arousing enthusiasm. Mr. Goltz was a Kurinal of staidward respect without determined methods. Mr. Witherspoon delivered himself of the lament of King Mark soberly and without irony.

When Mr. Toscanini conducts "Tristan and Isolde" there is always a temptation to review his progress in the work. Yet now it is enough to express once more the admiration which is demanded by his mastery of the turnments melody of this troubling score. Of those concerned in last evening's performance he was the star, and the orchestra hatched its wagon to him.

## DANCE CONTESTS THIS WEEK.

The Season at Castle House to End Next Week.

Miss Joan Sawyer has offered a cup for both amateur and professional dancers to be competed for next week at the Persian Garden, where she and Quentin Tod are dancing every evening and on Saturday afternoon. The first competition will take place on Tuesday, May 5, and will be for amateurs. The competition for professionals will take place on the following Friday. There will be well known soloists. Matinee concerts will be given on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

## \$500,000 FIRE IN CHESTER, PA.

Federal Steel Co. and Harris Chemical Co. Plants Burn.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—Fire in the plants of the Federal Steel Company and the Harris Chemical Company on the river front at Chester to-day caused the loss of the pattern shop and other property of the steel company and destroyed the works of the chemical company. A combined loss which may exceed \$500,000. Six firemen were injured, two seriously.

Six explosions in the chemical tanks drove the firemen back. The nearest fire hydrant was two blocks away and there were not sufficient water facilities.

## J. P. MORGAN TELLS HOW MARTHA WASHINGTON WILL WAS RESCUED AND SOLD TO HIS FATHER

Saved From Destruction by Union Colonel at Fairfax Court House in 1862.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The first authoritative explanation of the manner in which J. Pierpont Morgan came into possession of the Martha Washington will, to remain the custody of which the Governor and citizens of Virginia have threatened legal measures, was given out by Mr. Morgan to-day at the same time that Mrs. William Cummings Story, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, read to the members of that body, now in national session here, the entire correspondence over the document between Gov. H. C. Stuart of Virginia and Mr. Morgan.

"The will of Martha Washington was taken from the Fairfax Court House in 1862," Mr. Morgan said, "by a colonel of the Union army, who rescued it from destruction by his men. This officer retained it in his possession for thirty years and shortly before his death in 1892 gave it to his daughter who, thirteen years later, in 1905, sold it to the late J. Pierpont Morgan."

"This account she relate" at the time of the transfer. She stated that her father's regiment garrisoned Fairfax Court House in 1862 and that he had headquarters in the Court House. Another command had previously occupied the place and the men had broken open the safes. The floors were littered with papers which the Colonel's men used in making fires. Entering headquarters one day he found his men shovelling papers into a stove. He stopped them and in examining the papers found the Martha Washington will.

"He carefully preserved the document throughout his life and on the eve of his death gave it to his daughter."

## Mr. Morgan's Two Plans.

The correspondence shows that Mr. Morgan suggested to the Governor of Virginia two plans for the preservation and exhibition of the Martha Washington will. One is that Mr. Morgan would present the will for public exhibition at Mount Vernon, the other is that the will be preserved by the Congressional Library at Washington. With both of these suggestions Mr. Morgan couples another, that George Washington's will be exhibited with it.

Mr. Morgan reiterated his objection to handing over the will to Fairfax county on the ground that the court house there is not fireproof and the place is "out of the way."

The reading of the correspondence to-day is the latest development in an incident that has been full of stir and recrimination since the beginning of the year.

Early in January a suit was planned by the Attorney-General of Virginia to recover the Martha Washington will, which had been lost for more than fifty years before it was finally uncovered in Mr. Morgan's library. Some one who had seen the document there and also knew the parts which had been made by the people of Fairfax county, Virginia, to recover it, sent word to Virginia that it was in Mr. Morgan's possession.

A request was made to Mr. Morgan to return the will to the archives of the Fairfax Court House. He refused, but agreed to have photographs of the document transmitted to the proper authorities.

## SECOND WEEK OF RANCH 101.

To Be Seen Still Longer at the Madison Square Garden.

Miller Brothers and Arlington's Ranch 101 Wild West Show will begin to-morrow night the second week of their engagement at the Madison Square Garden. The crowds that attended the show during the first five days are an evidence of New York's interest in these courageous exhibitions of rough riding and the sports of the cowboys.

## THEIR LAST APPEARANCE.

Plays That Ended Their Runs Last Night.

"The Red Canary" came off its perch at the Lyric Theatre last night. It did not change color, but chirped its last at about 11:15. Whether or not this unique ornithological specimen will be resuscitated for the entertainment of other cities, has not been decided. All who saw it here, however, agreed that it certainly is a bird.

Frances Starr closed last night at the Belasco in a magnificent performance in Bernstien's disreputable play "The Secret," which extended over more than one hundred and fifty performances. This was a great compliment to Miss Starr's performance and to the excellent production made by David Belasco. To overcome the inherently objectionable traits of this drama so that it could exist through such a long period is a tribute to the greatness of any actress and stage manager.

"Marrying Money," which has been the precocious exhibit at the Princess Theatre for several weeks, ended its season last night. Washington Post's author, is a native of South America. No political significance is, however, attached to his present cessation of hostilities.

## Band Concerts for Charity.

For the benefit of the Parks and Playground Association of New York there will be a week of band concerts at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, beginning on May 17. The concerts will be given by Henry Little's Veteran Corps, Artillery Military Band. The band will include one hundred players and there will be well known soloists. Matinee concerts will be given on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

## FREE MOVING PICTURES.

Religious Film at the Majestic Theatre, Brooklyn, To-night.

A free exhibit of the Pathé religious film "The Life of Our Saviour" will be shown at the Majestic Theatre in Brooklyn to-night. No tickets will be required. There will be appropriate hymns sung by the audience and the plan of the exhibit is to show the church service as closely as possible a church service.

"Les Misérables," which was shown for several months in the moving pictures at the Carnegie Lyceum, will be on view Monday, May 4, at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn. The story, in the organist, will play during the exhibition of the pictures.

## AGENCY OF MADRID SUED.

Lecture Bureau Manager Seeks Damages From L. B. Speyer.

Lawrence B. Speyer, a native of New York and for years a resident of Mexico, where he was the confidential representative of the assassinated President Madero, was served with papers yesterday in a suit by Frederick Dean, manager of a lecture bureau, to recover \$2,100.

Mr. Speyer, who had valuable property in Mexico when he was forced to flee, is now in such financial straits that his defence has been undertaken by Leonard McGee, attorney for the Legal Aid Society. Mr. Speyer was in the National Palace with President Madero during the ten days principal of Huerta and Felix Diaz and upon the death of Madero escaped to Vera Cruz, where he took refuge on a German ship and reached New York practically penniless.

Because of Speyer's intimate knowledge of Mexican affairs he was led to believe he could make a living on the lecture platform. He arranged with Dean to represent him as manager. The lectures were never delivered and Dean sues for breach of contract.

## MACY HEIRS FIND NEW RICHES.

Increase in Estate Through Oil Shares Gained for Dispute.

A dispute among the heirs of the estate of Joseph Macy, Jr., father of V. Everett Macy and father-in-law of Howard Willits, who died in 1876 leaving property worth more than \$15,000,000, caused the filing of a suit in the Supreme Court yesterday which discloses that the value of the estate has been increased several million dollars by extra dividends declared by Standard Oil Company subsidiaries.

The complaint asks the court to determine whether the extra dividends belong to Mrs. Kate Ladd, daughter of the deceased, who died in 1876, or to her nephew and niece, who will get the principal of the trust estate upon her death.

Mrs. Ladd's nephew and niece contend that the extra dividends should be added to the principal of the trust fund. The fund originally consisted of 7,424 shares of Standard Oil Company, which was declared illegal by the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1892. The stock was then exchanged for 4,500 shares of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The O. I. Company of New Jersey, which was split up into shares of the subsidiary companies under the United States Supreme Court decree in 1911.

## TO SHIFT DOWNTOWN POLICE.

Woods Plans to Abandon Oak Street Station and Split Up Force.

It was reported yesterday that the Fifth police precinct would be abolished by Police Commissioner Woods. The station house is located in Oak street. The precinct is bounded by Fulton street, Park row, Catherine street and the East River.

Commissioner Woods, it was said, planned to give parts of the Fifth precinct to the First, with the station house on Old slip; the Sixth, with the station house in Elizabeth street, and the Seventh, with the station house in Madison street.

When asked about the report Commissioner Woods said:

"I have that change under consideration, along with many others, for the betterment of the service. The precinct is an important one, but the station house on Old slip, the Sixth, is the only woman's unit to house the number of men who are at present quartered there. As a consequence the men are not in condition to give the best service."

## PAPER CHASE AT HOT SPRINGS.

Affair Arranged for Thursday—Mile End Bridge Party.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., April 25.—A paper chase for visitors at the Homestead has been arranged by W. H. Maasie for next Thursday.

George H. Mead gave a dinner party at Heading Springs last night, his guests including Mrs. H. E. Talbot, Miss Talbot, Miss Louise Talbot and Miss Elsie Talbot. Mr. Mead and his wife were here yesterday with Miss Radcliffe, Mrs. J. M. Studebaker, Jr., gave a luncheon party there for Mrs. H. M. Wallace, Miss Wallace and Mrs. P. S. Fish.

Thompson gave a bridge party. The prize winners were Mrs. Bradford L. Croker and Mrs. George P. Butters. Mr. and Mrs. H. Huntington walked up for tea in the afternoon. Mrs. Croker and Mrs. William Walton, Mrs. John Barnes, Mrs. P. O. J. Young and Miss Mary Burgess.

Mrs. Donald Ryerson of Chicago, who was here two nights ago on her honeymoon, came over to-day from White Sulphur Springs.

John Lowe entertained with a drive to Page Rock this afternoon. Among his guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. Rosecrantz Baldwin and Miss Ethel Wrenn.

Today's arrivals at the Homestead include Mrs. Jeanne Wilde and Miss Wilkie, E. W. Tolley, Perry Holbrook of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tattall of Philadelphia.

## MAYOR FILLS FOUR POSTS.

Weiler Park Commissioner in Queens—Folwell, Magistrate.

Mayor Mitchell announced yesterday that John E. Weiler of Flushing had been appointed Park Commissioner for Queens and that Charles H. Folwell of 275 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, had been appointed Police Magistrate for the Second Division.

Theodore Rousseau, executive secretary of the Mayor, has been promoted to the secretary by the Mayor by the appointment of Arthur Woods as Police Commissioner. Bertram Cruger, assistant secretary to the Mayor, has been made executive secretary.

Mr. Weiler has been City Hall and political reporter for the American for seven years. He is the son of a German clergyman and was born in Lewis county, New York, in 1874. He is an enrolled Progressive. As Park Commissioner he succeeds Walter G. Elliot, who resigned. The salary is \$5,000 a year.

Theodore Rousseau, the Mayor's new secretary, was a reporter for the Evening Post until January 1. His salary as executive secretary was \$3,800 a year. It will now be \$5,500. Mr. Cruger is raised from \$4,000 to \$4,500.

Mr. Folwell takes the place of Magistrate John S. Hylan, who was appointed to a County Judgeship in Kings by Gov. Glynn. He was born in 1874. He is a graduate of the New York Law School and an independent Democrat. He was solicitor to St. Clair McKelway for four years and to Justice Jenkins of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn for seven years. He has been an assistant Corporation Counsel and assistant District Attorney for Kings county. His term will expire in 1917.

## Montgomery and Stone Again.

Montgomery and Stone, who have been acting for the last two seasons with Elsie Janis, are to go it alone again next week at the Lyric Theatre. They closed yesterday that they would be seen in a new musical play by Anna Caldwell, with music by Ivan Caryll. The first performance will be given at the Globe Theatre in September.

## AMUSEMENTS.

CARNEGIE LYCEUM.

CHARLES DICKENS' David Copperfield.

Commencing Sat. April 25, for a limited engagement. Twice daily. Seats 3 to 125c. (Box 1. Evs. 8:30-9:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 8:10.)

## BROOKLYN AMUSEMENTS.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

LES MISÉRABLES.

Adapted from Victor Hugo's novel. Precisely as presented four months at the Lyric Theatre, New York.

Incidental Organ Recitals by Percy J. Starnes.

SEATS NOW ON SALE.

## POSSESSOR OFFERS TWO PLANS TO VIRGINIA, WHICH DEMANDS DOCUMENT.

The instruction of a large number of people, and where it would have the benefit of the great care and protection against fire now given to Mount Vernon. If this were done, I should be very glad to present the will of Martha Washington to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for permanent exhibition there. By this arrangement the two documents would be together at the place where they were made and where a great number of people will have the satisfaction of seeing them.

Should the Commonwealth of Virginia not be willing to do this, because of the well-known fact that Mount Vernon itself is not fireproof, though such excellent care is taken to prevent accidents, then I propose that the Commonwealth should present the will of George Washington to the Library of Congress, to be forever kept with the public records there, and I should present the will of Martha Washington to the nation for the same disposition. It seems to me that the bringing together of these two documents of interest and importance. If they are placed at Mount Vernon, they remain in Fairfax county and would be given as good care as possible there; if they are placed in the Library of Congress, they leave the Commonwealth of Virginia, but, on the other hand, they would be in the custody of one of the great libraries of the world and in a place which belongs to the whole nation. It seems to me that either arrangement would be quite appropriate, and I shall be pleased indeed to do my part in carrying out whichever of the two would be most satisfactory to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I am, dear sir, with great respect, yours very truly, J. P. MORGAN.

## Gov. Stuart Writes to Mr. Morgan.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., March 16, 1914.

My dear Sir:—Reading that you are fully informed as to the recent agitation in Virginia on the question of the Martha Washington will, and the various proceedings in relation thereto, I feel that it is unnecessary for me to say any further statement on the subject.

Coming into the Governorship of the State on Feb. 1 of this year, and looking carefully into the whole situation of affairs as they presented, it occurred to me that it would be proper to take the matter up with you through a representative Virginian living in New York.

Acting on this idea, I requested Mr. Walter L. McCormick, president of the New York Southern Society, to call on you and state my desire that some line of action might be taken which would be deemed mutually agreeable. This he has done in his friendly and representative manner.

In accordance with his suggestion, I now write to you personally on the subject to express the hope that some happy adjustment of the matter may be effected, which will be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Awaiting your suggestions, which I trust will be responsive at least in spirit to the respectful and courteous consideration which I thought by capable and observant people that the will would be absolutely safe in this building.

I will suggest, therefore, though I will not urge upon your attention at this juncture, that the people of Virginia should have the Martha Washington will as a part of the records of Fairfax county, and that it belongs there, if anywhere in Virginia.

We had hoped, and indeed expected, still to express as the best that could be with respect to this matter which would be mutually satisfactory. Not wishing to drop the negotiations at this stage, I am writing to you to renew the request made through my friend and representative, Mr. Walter L. McCormick.

Awaiting your further advice, I am, very truly yours, H. C. STUART, Governor.

## Mr. Morgan Replies.

APRIL 17, 1914.

The Hon. H. C. Stuart, Governor of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

My dear Sir:—I am very pleased indeed to receive your letter of March 16 in regard to the will of Martha Washington, which is now in my possession. I may mention that the visit of Mr. Walter L. McCormick, to which you refer, and your very agreeable letter, constitute the only official word I have had upon this subject.

In regard to the will, I have only one desire, which is that the document should be where it can be best preserved and of which the people of Virginia should have the benefit. I am sure that this is also the desire of yourself and of the Commonwealth of Virginia. I therefore venture to make the following suggestions:

The Fairfax Court House, from what I am informed, is not fireproof, nor are documents there kept in such a way as to make them available to any large number of people. I also understand that the original will of George Washington is at present stored in that court house. I suggest, therefore, that the Commonwealth of Virginia, or Fairfax county, should direct the keeper of the document in the court house to place the original will of George Washington on exhibition at Mount Vernon, for an indefinite period, where it would be available for all to see.

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